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Mr. Dick Lehman
Chairman, National Intelligence
Council

Dear Dick

Bruce Clarke asked that I contact you regarding candidates for the National Intelligence Council Analytic Group. It is clear that the Group will perform a most important function, and individuals assigned to the Group will be afforded a unique and valuable career opportunity.

After much serious consideration, however, I have come to the conclusion that I am not able to offer you a candidate at this point in time, since we are critically short of experienced analysts. To release even one of these individuals at this time would severely cripple us. In good conscience I cannot do that.

I fully appreciate the importance of obtaining talented analysts for the Analytic Group, and have instructed my Director of Estimates to provide me names of candidates as our situation improves. Further, I intend to raise the topic and solicit names during the next Air Force Senior Intelligence Officers' Conference. If they have any suggestions, I shall relay them to you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. L. Brown", is written over the typed name.

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